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JULY 4 HOLIDAY SAFETY REMINDERS FROM DLNR: FIREWORKS, ALCOHOL NOT PERMITTED IN STATE PARKS, FORESTS AND HARBORS

Keep safe distances away from fireworks displays

HONOLULU — The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) is reminding the public about safety prohibitions regarding July 4 celebrations statewide.

"To protect both people and natural resources on this national holiday, we are reminding the public of the following rules that need to be observed over the Fourth of July weekend," said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson.

Consumption of alcohol and setting off fireworks are prohibited within all state parks, forest reserves, unencumbered lands and small boat harbors.

All boats, personal water craft and kayaks are required by federal and state laws to be equipped with approved operational safety equipment. Rules and regulations established by DLNR and the U.S. Coast Guard also prohibit vessel overloading, and boating under the influence of intoxicants.

All vessels, including thrill craft and kayaks must stay 300 yards away from land based and floating fireworks launch sites for their own safety.

For more information or to report a violation, call DLNR-Enforcement at the 24-hour hotline, 643-DLNR or district offices at:

Hawaiʻi — 974-6208 (Hilo), 327-4961 (Kona), 887-6196 (Kamuela) or 327-4961 (Kona). Maui — 984-8110 (Kahului) Oʻahu — 587-0077 (Honolulu) Kauaʻi — 274-3521 (Lihuʻe)

Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July.

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